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1. ~~SECRET~~ COMMENT: SANTIAGO EMBASSY TELEGRAM 3945 OF
17 JUNE REPORTED THE DEATH IN TALCAO FAN ARMY INTELLIGENCE
OFFICER. ALLEGEDLY AT THE HANDS OF EXTREMISTS; THE INITIATION
OF COUNTER-TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN THAT REGION; AND THE
ALLEGED PRESENCE IN TUCUMAN, ARGENTINA OF 2,000 CHILEAN
GUERRILLAS PREPARING TO INITIATE ACTIVITIES IN CHILE.)

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THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE (PCCH), INFORMED LEADERS OF THE LEFTIST POLITICAL PARTIES THAT ACCORDING TO PCCH INFORMATION, THERE HAS BEEN NO TERRORIST OR GUERRILLA OUTBREAK IN TALCA. RATHER, THE SECURITY ACTIVITY WAS TARGETTED AGAINST ANTI-GOVERNMENT INCIDENTS ORGANIZED BY LABOR AND PEASANT LEADERS OF THE PCCH AND THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC). THE INCIDENTS INCLUDED TEMPORARY WORK STOPPAGES AND NEAR STRIKES IN SAN CLEMENTE, EL HACIENDA LAS MARIPOSAS, AND MOLINA, ALL OF WHICH ARE LOCATED NEAR TALCA. AS A RESULT OF THESE EVENTS, OVER 300 PERSONS HAVE BEEN DETAINED UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE STATE OF SIEGE.

3. COMMENT:

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A. IN EARLY FEBRUARY,

THE PCCH WAS PLANNING TO INITIATE LABOR UNREST WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS IN THE AGRICULTURAL AREAS OF COLCHAGUA (NEAR TALCA) AND CAUTIN PROVINCES IN ORDER TO MEASURE PCCH STRENGTH.

B. IN LATE MAY,

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[REDACTED] THE DIRECTORATE OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE (DINA) HAD RECENTLY ARRESTED A NUMBER OF PCCH MEMBERS IN TALCA WHO WERE INVOLVED IN ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES, AND THAT ADDITIONAL ARRESTS WERE PLANNED.

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C. [REDACTED] IN EARLY MAY, DINA ARRESTED 25 PCCH MEMBERS IN TALCA WHO CONFESSED THAT THEY WERE COORDINATING PCCH ACTIVITIES IN THE TALCA REGION. IN THE SAME TIME FRAME, DINA ARRESTED A BAND OF 14 GUERRILLAS IN THE TALCA AREA, WHO HAD RECEIVED ARMS FROM ARGENTINA AND WERE PLANNING TO INITIATE ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY. THE LEADER, MUNOZ (FNU), WAS A MEMBER OF THE MOVEMENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR) AND THE OTHER 13 WERE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY,

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D. [REDACTED] HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM OR DENY THE ALLEGED OUTBREAK OF GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN TALCA BECAUSE OF THE HERMETIC NATURE OF THE INVESTIGATION, WHICH CONTINUES, INTO THE ARMY OFFICER'S DEATH,) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT DURING THE WEEKEND OF 7-8 JUNE, THE MIR ISSUED AN INTERNAL COMMUNIQUE STATING IT HAD NOTHING TO DO

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WITH THE KILLING.

4. [REDACTED] INFORMED LEADERS OF THE LEFTIST POLITICAL PARTIES THAT PCCH ACTIVITIES WERE BEING DIRECTED BY JORGE INSUNZA, [REDACTED] THAT INSUNZA [REDACTED] RETURNED TO CHILE VIA ARGENTINA IN MARCH 1975, AFTER HAVING SPENT SEVERAL MONTHS IN FRANCE, ROMANIA AND THE SOVIET UNION.

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COMMENT : [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HAD
LEFT FOR EUROPE IN OCTOBER 1974 TO COORDINATE THE NATIONAL
AND INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN WITH PCCH LEADERS IN EXILE.)

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COMMENT: [REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED] INSUNZA WAS IN ANTOFAGASTA IN MARCH AND NARROWLY ESCAPED ARREST WHEN GOVERNMENT FORCES CRACKED DOWN ON THE PCCM THERE'. MORE RECENTLY, HE WAS IN TALCA, BUT LEFT PRIOR TO THE SECURITY ROUNDUPS INITIATED THERE. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]

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FIVE PCCH HEWERS, WHO WERE ENGAGED IN
REORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY, WERE ARRESTED IN LATE MARCH IN
ANTOFAGASTA.)

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